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Press statement - Cadell Training Centre

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PRESS STATEMENT: 23rd October, 1970.

FROM: MEMBER FOR CHAFFEY (MR. CURREN)

SUBJECT: CADELL TRAINING CENTRE

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The Member for Chaffey (Mr. Curren) said today the Chief Secretary (Mr. Shard) had advised him that the free time activities of trainees at the Cadell Training Centre had been more clearly defined following the recent escape of three of its inmates.

Mr. Curren said a number of actions had been taken at the Centre following a meeting of townspeople where problems associated with the Training Centre were discussed.

"On weekends the trainees are now required to check in to the duty officer at more frequent intervals.

"Additional supervision has been instituted at the Centre although the Prisons Department is still trying to preserve as much of the atmosphere of trust as possible.

"A probation and parole officer has been stationed permanently at the Centre and will assist in solving any personal problems trainees may have, and will help the staff with community liaison work."

Mr. Curren said that in addition, the Superintendent (Mr. T.N. Lashbrook) had met with the Morgan District Council to discuss the Centre's warning systems.

"Present investigations are looking into the provision of warning devices in the Cadell township and in the Murbko area.

"The feasibility of simultaneous telephone warnings to people connected to the local exchange is also being investigated, while approaches are being made to the Postmaster-General's Department regarding the possibility of an automatic telephone exchange being installed to service the area."